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DENKTASH WARNS OF VIENNA POSTPONEMENT

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1. TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTASH MAY 9 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT NICATI MUNIR AND UMIT SULEYMAN TO COMMITTEE WHICH WILL EXAMINE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT IN INTERIM BETWEEN VIENNA TALKS. THIRD MEMBER TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE NOT NAMED BUT WIDELY RUMORED TO BE ZAIM NECATI; YOUNG MEMBER ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHO DEFEATED DENKTASH OPPONENT BERBEROGLU FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY SEAT. (DENKTASH ALL BUT ANNOUNCED NECATI'S APPOINTMENT DURING EARLIER BROADCAST; FACT HE NOT NAMED MAY 9 MAY INDICATE CHANGE OF MIND.)

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2. MUNIR IS TURKISH COMMUNITY'S LEADING JUDICIAL FIGURE.

MEMBER OF CYPRUS SUPREME COURT PRIOR TO 1963, HE IS WIDELY RESPECTED IN BOTH COMMUNITIES AND REGARDED AS VERY MODERATE. MUNIR HAS REMAINED ABOVE INTRA-TURKISH CYPRIOT POLITICS AND HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH MAINLAND MILITARY OFFICERS STATIONED HERE.

3. SULEYMAN IS LEADING TURKISH CYPRIOT ATTORNEY AND MEMBER CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY (AS WELL AS PRECEDING PARLIAMENT). IN EARLIER DAYS HE WAS DENKTASH'S LAW PARTNER. SULEYMAN WAS TURKISH CYPRIOT LIAISON OFFICER TO UNFICYP CHAIRED JOINT COMMITTEE IN EARLY SIXTIES. WHILE LESS MODERATE THAN MUNIR, HE IS NOT REGARDED AS ULTRA-NATIONALIST.

4. BOTH MUNIR AND SULEYMAN ACCOMPANIED DENKTASH TO ABORTED GENEVA CONFERENCE LAST SUMMER.

5. FACT THAT DENKTASH HAS NAMED MUNIR AND SULEYMAN TO REPRESENT TURK COMMUNITY IN STRASBOURG, SHOULD EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE DEBATE CYPRUS SITUATION, COULD DELAY DISCUSSION OF GOVERNMENTAL POWERS INDEFINITELY. SPEAKING TO CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MAY 9, DENKTASH WARNED THAT IF GREEK CYPRIOTS MAKE ATTEMPT TO HAVE THEIR CASE HEARD DURING MAY, COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN CYPRUS WILL "STOP IMMEDIATELY" AND VIENNA TALKS WILL BE POSTPONED (REF FBIS).
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